Using glass art to promote literacy in Lake Worth

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McMow Art Glass is trying to help bridge the gap between art and literacy in Lake Worth with BiblioArte and the Little Free Library project.

On Monday, April 10, McMow will kick off the city's BiblioArte week, which aims to promote literacy through art. The event is scheduled from 4:30-5:30 p.m., at the intersection of C Street and 5th Ave. North.

Taylor Materio, McMow's creative director, will present the glass art library to the city while also making a donation to Highland Elementary to help fund literacy and education programs at the school.

"There is a strong link between art and literacy," Materio said in a statement. "Children identify words through imagery in picture books long before they learned how to read."

While <u>Little Free Library</u> may be a global initiative, it also has strong roots in Lake Worth as there are several stationed around the city.

McMow's library is made from reinforced mosaic art glass to ensure the books inside stay dry.

Following the ceremony, community members are expected celebrate literacy through are for a full week.

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